



F.Y.I. is BACK!



Lori Farmer recently joined the MDOC Public Information Office staff, replacing Gail Madziar.

Hello everyone, and thank you for your patience during **F.Y.I.**'s hiatus. This issue is chock full of events that happened in the interim and now that we're up and running again, we'd like to hear from you. Please send us the news on what's happening in your areas so we can share them with the entire department!

My name is Lori Farmer and I'm the new editor of **F.Y.I.**, replacing Gail Madziar. I've looked through previous editions and she did an awesome

job, leaving me some big shoes to fill. I am excited about the job and the chance to work with you; I hope you don't mind me bugging you with all of my questions!

I come to MDOC with a degree in communications (Purdue grad – go Boilermakers!) and experience in print and broadcast journalism, as well as corporate communications. I am new to Corrections and look forward to learning from you.

Enjoy!

Fiery Plane Crash Kills Four at URF

A small plane crashed at the Chippewa Correctional Facility in mid-August and burst into flames, killing all four people aboard. The two-engine aircraft, believed to be a Piper Aztec, was carrying a pilot and three passengers from Waukesha County, Wis., when it struck the buffer fence at the Kincheloe prison.

An eyewitness says the plane appeared to be in trouble and lost altitude rapidly. It was apparently headed toward a housing unit when the pilot took evasive action. The aircraft narrowly missed the unit, but struck the fence near the southeast corner of the facility before being consumed by fire.

The prison was immediately locked down and staff members were the first to arrive at the scene of the crash. There were no injuries to staff or prisoners and no damage to the security fence or security systems. The Michigan State Police, the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department, Office of Emergency Services and International Airport Rescue and Firefighting Team, as well as the Kinross Fire Department and EMS also responded.



The charred remains of the plane that crashed at the Chippewa Correctional Facility.

"Our hearts go out to the families who have been affected by this tragedy," said Michigan Department of Corrections Director Patricia Caruso. "While we hope such incidents never occur, our staff's quick response is a testament to their preparedness, dedication and training."

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2006 Torch Run Reaches Lansing



Photo 1: MDOC Director Patricia L. Caruso and Lansing Chief of Police Mark Alley (center) receive certificates of appreciation from URF Corrections Officer Eric Morgan (l.) and Lansing Police Department Sgt. Darin Southworth (r.).

Photo 2: (l.-r.) Torch Run supporters Judy Rinck, Amy Harpowiski, Lindsay Francis, and Mae Clark, all of MSI; and Norma Killough, CFA smile as brightly as the reflectors on their running shoes.

Participants in the 2006 Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit the Special Olympics reached Lansing during the wee hours of the morning on September 15. They marked their arrival by running up the Capitol Building steps.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2006, the Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) for Special Olympics is an international series of torch relays, run by law enforcement officers and leading up to each state/provincial or national Special Olympics Summer Games. According to the website (www.specialolympics.org), it is the movement's largest grassroots fund-raiser and public awareness vehicle.

The Torch Run raised \$21.4 million for Special Olympics programs around the world in 2005. Law enforcement officers raise money in conjunction with their respective Torch Runs for their local Special

Olympics program. More than 85,000 law enforcement officers carried the "Flame of Hope" across 35 nations.

The event was founded in 1981 by Wichita, KS Police Chief Richard LaMunyon. LaMunyon recognized the great need to raise funds and garner support for the Special Olympics in the area where he worked and lived. His idea took off when he presented it to the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Michigan's run this year was a 750-mile relay, beginning on September 11 in Copper Harbor near the upper peninsula, and ending in Sterling Heights September 15. Three six-member teams participated, composed of employees of the Department of Corrections, the Michigan State Police and the Fraternal Order of Police. The teams took turns running 30 miles

every 12 hours, with each member logging in five miles during their teams' segment.

Additional MDOC employees and members of the Lansing Police Department were part of a special LETR walk from Grandview Plaza to Potter Park and back. This was a separate event scheduled during the Torch Run week to raise funds and generate enthusiasm for Special Olympics. Lansing area children who benefit from Special Olympics waited at the park to greet the walkers, who raised more than \$1,700.

"Anyone who has been to a Special Olympics and seen the impact, they (the participants) touch your heart," said Eric Morgan, URF corrections officer.

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Arsenal Exposition a Success

The Lee McCoy Gun Range in Jackson was the site of the 2006 Arsenal Exposition. More than 40 vendors were on hand to display their most up-to-date equipment for the 150 attendees who arrived from across the state.

Several exciting new products were introduced and may be evaluated for future incorporation into the MDOC. By allowing more options within the use of force continuum, some of these products not only help promote the safety of officers but also that of prisoners, parolees and probationers.

Public safety was a key concern as well; there were many demonstrations of the various types of tools and gear designed to enhance that goal.

"Expositions benefit the department because the shows provide time for staff to test and evaluate new products," says Ordinance Unit Manager Dan Verlin. "It's also an opportunity to interact with others from various work locations and network with employees from different agencies."

The Expo was hosted by the Michigan Department of Corrections Ordinance Unit in conjunction with the Michigan Police Equipment Company.



Ordinance Unit Trainer Jim Loxton instructs HRD Tina Moore on the use of a newly approved weapon.



Ordinance Unit Trainer Rick Tischer (l.) and ITO Mike Rigotti of URF take part in a mobile robot shoot.



Emergency Services Manager Ed Mize (being held) allows Tazer Representative Ron Dehne (r.) to stun him.



Darin Faulks of Armor Holdings shoots live rounds at a bullet-resistant vest.

LCF Officers are Lifesavers!



(l-r) C/O Stan Jeremiah, Sgt. Rick Coon, Warden Carol Howes, RUO Donna Houtz, C/O Rhonda Mosby, RPA Ray Wolfe

Four Lakeland Correctional Facility staff members were honored with the MDOC Lifesaving Award, presented by RPA Ray Wolfe and Warden Carol Howes.

Corrections Officers Stan Jeremiah and Rhonda Mosby performed CPR on a visitor who lost consciousness in the waiting area. The person was transported to the local hospital.

Sgt. Rick Coon and RUO Donna Houtz aided an unconscious prisoner and helped stabilize him. He was taken to Community Health Center and has fully recovered.

SLF Officer Aids Boater

Quick thinking by a member of the St. Louis Correctional Facility's staff may have prevented a bad situation from becoming much worse.

RUO Ken Murdock was boating on the Saginaw Bay with family and friends when a young man dove off a boat into about three feet of water, injuring his neck and collarbone. Murdock, who has been a corrections officer for 19 years, immediately jumped in after him. He was able to hold the young man's head above water, keep him calm and protect him from further injury while waiting for EMS to arrive.

'I have seen Ken always offer to lend a hand to anyone in need,' says his wife Bev, who is also an RUO at the St. Louis Facility.

JCS Scholarships Awarded

The Cooper Street Correctional Facility Employee Club awarded five \$400 scholarships to children of JCS employees. Scholarship winners were determined by academic credentials, school and community involvement, extracurricular activities and work experience. Congratulations to the following students:

- Brandy Brazee, son of ARUS Dave Brazee
- Jerricca Hawkins, daughter of schoolteacher Shelly Hawkins
- Steven Kaatz, son of RUS Leslie Kaatz
- Ryan Poynter, son of C/O Thomas Poynter
- Robert Prigge, son of Food Service Supervisor Andreas Prigge

This is the second time in the past three years that the Club has awarded scholarships.

Build Right, Sleep Tight!



Flint area foster children can snooze more soundly these days, thanks to participants in the Saginaw Correctional Facility Prison Build Program. Since last year, these hard workers have crafted nearly 200 bunk beds for the city of Flint through the Michigan Department of Human Services. The beds can also be used as singles due to their unique design.

Corrections Staff Sing a New Song

A melodious highlight of the Daniel G. Boda, Jr. Officer Recruit Training Class graduation was its finale. As the graduates exited Michigan State University's Kellogg Center, all in attendance were treated to a rousing rendition of "America the Beautiful." The source of those harmonious tones? None other than the Huron Valley Complex Choir – also known as the Voices of Corrections – under the direction of C/S Hassan Watkins.

This may be your first time hearing about the HVC Choir, but it likely won't be your last. Thanks to the cooperation of Warden Susan Davis and others, the group has performed at numerous MDOC functions since it was founded by HVC-M Captain Saundra Eddie. Eddie's love of music caused her to resurrect the choir after a hiatus, and she says the amount of talent among their ranks is outstanding. It also serves as a vehicle to strengthen camaraderie between the staff at both Huron Valley facilities. Keep your ears open for their next performance!



MDOC Director Patricia L. Caruso (front right) with members of the HVC Voices of Corrections Choir.

URF Lieutenant Visits Historical UK Prison



Chippewa Correctional Facility Lieutenant Steve Mallet got a taste of times gone by and old family ties during a visit to the United Kingdom. One of the highlights of his trip was the opportunity to tour Her Majesty's oldest active prison, HMP Shepton Mallet Prison.

The facility was named in honor of Mallet's ancestors of the Battle of Hastings, which occurred in 1066. It was established in 1610 and still houses inmates equivalent to those the MDOC views as "lifers."

The United States used part of it as a military prison during World War II. The British have stored historical and national treasures there, including the Magna Carta and the Doomsday book.

"I was amazed at the 400 years of continuous history," Mallet said. "The hospitality of the staff and prisoners was impressive."

An inside look at HMP Shepton Mallet Prison, Her Majesty's oldest active prison.

Grey Dragons ‘Roast by the River’

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation is \$4,000 richer, courtesy of the Ionia chapter of the Grey Dragons Association of Michigan. The correctional-based motorcycle riding club raised the funds by hosting “Roastin’ by the River,” a pig roast and bike show held at the Ionia Free Fairgrounds.

It’s estimated that anywhere from 200 to 250 people attended the event, which also featured entertainment by the Happy Go Lucky Blues Band. Various door prizes were distributed, ranging from t-shirts to custom motorcycle parts. In addition, a raffle was held for cash prizes and a grand prize, a new Honda Recon 250 quad runner. Deerfield Correctional Facility Officer Matt Bledsoe won the big ticket item.

Sixty-five motorcycles were part of the bike show, with trophies awarded for Best of Show, Best Custom and Sponsor’s Choice. IBC Sgt. Don Wise won the Best of Show prize.

Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility Lt. Roger Reed, who also serves as the Ionia chapter Grey Dragons president, was extremely pleased with the turnout and expects the group to have an even bigger and better event next year.



Above: (l-r) Lt. Robert Livingston, IBC; Kevin Montagano, Route 66 Powersports; C/O Matt Bledsoe, ITF; and Lt. Roger Reed, IBC.

Below: IBC Sgt. Don Wise won the Best of Show trophy at the event.



Officer Responds to Plane Crash

CTO Jack Dyer found himself in the right place at the right time while working on the prisoner property truck in the Jackson area, and was the first responder to the scene of a small plane crash. Dyer called 911 while en route to the crash site, pulled the five passengers to safety and stayed with them until EMS arrived. None of the passengers were seriously injured.

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The Michigan chapter of LETR represents about 85 police and corrections agencies, said Mike Marutiak, director. MDOC is the largest component of the group. Department Director Patricia L. Caruso expressed appreciation for the MDOC volunteers who participate in the annual event.

"I know you do not do this for fame or fortune," she said. "You do make a difference."

Caruso was also pleased to note that LETR is well on its way to reaching its goal of raising \$400,000 for Special Olympics this year. The monies will benefit more than 15,000 athletes statewide.

During its 20-year existence in Michigan, LETR has contributed about \$4 million to the cause via the Torch Run and other fund-raising events, Marutiak said.

"The Torch Run is one of the finest things law enforcement can do for the betterment of the community," he added.



(See page 8 for more Torch Run pictures!)

Michigan LETR is gearing up for 2007, and you are invited!

The 2007 LETR Team Captain conference is November 30th and December 1st at the Crowne Plaza in Romulus. Attendees will interact with athletes, fellow officers and law enforcement officials, as well as work together to strategically plan the 2007 calendar year.

For more information, contact your LETR team captain or Jill Schumacher at (989) 774-3911.

IBC Team Tops Relay for Life

Nearly \$90,000 was raised in Ionia County as part of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life this summer. Twenty-six teams joined the relay, with top honors going to the IBC/IBC Dorm Wallwalkers for collecting more than \$13,000. The team hosted bake sales, casual dress days, golf, bowling and euchre tournaments throughout the year to generate funds.

Relay For Life is an overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times.



2006 Swine Ride

The Swine Ride (above), held in Coldwater this summer, was another successful event hosted by law enforcement staff to raise money for Special Olympics.

Torch Run supporters hang out near MDOC's central office (below). Children who benefit from the event cheer at Potter Park (right).



You Want Fries With That?

Take a look at this spectacular spud, weighing in at nearly 4 pounds and measuring almost a foot long. It was grown at Newberry Correctional Facility. The facility produced nearly 367,030 pounds of potatoes this year, according to Assistant Business Manager Edson Forrester.



MDOC Promotions Through October 7

August 27

CORRECTIONS PROGRAM COORD-E

SANDERSON, JOYCE L CHIPPEWA

CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2

GODFREY, DANIEL HURON VALLEY

RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E

CASLER, TERRY G LAKELAND
KAVANAGH, KAREN CARSON CITY
NICEWANDER, ALAN W CARSON CITY

STATE TRANSITIONAL PROFSNL-E

THIELEN, THOMAS CFA REGION III

September 10

ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1

GIESEN, KRISTINE M OJIBWAY

CORRECTNS INTRNL AFFRS OFCR-A

WENDRY, STEVEN A CENTRAL OFC

CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-1

CURTIS, ROGER G BARAGA

DEPARTMENTAL SPECIALIST-2

STEPHENSON, GEORGE E MACOMB

DEPUTY PRISON WARDEN-3

RUTTER, LYLE W ALGER MAX

GROUNDKEEPER

SMITH, RYAN J MID-MICHIGAN

HUMAN RESOURCES MGR-3

PATTERSON, JONATHAN C CENTRAL OFC

PAROLE/PROBATION OFFICER-E

BROWN, TAMIKO N FOA REGION I
SIMMONS, SANDRA FOA REGION I

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ASST-E

YOUNGS, SELENA E CENTRAL OFC

REGISTERED NURSE MANAGER-1

TANNER, DEANA L EGELER

RESIDENT UNIT MANAGER-2

NORTON, ROBERT P KINROSS

RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E

BEACOM, GARY A KINROSS
BETTS, JOHANNA L SCOTT
HAYES, TIMOTHY J BELLAMY CRK
PRICE, ROLAND W SAGINAW
PUROL, JEFFREY A KINROSS
RATLIFF, FELICIA M HURON VALLEY
SCHAFFER, DEAN W BELLAMY CRK
STAN, GEORGIANN HURON VALLEY
VANSUMEREN, RANDALL J SAGINAW

STOREKEEPER SUPERVISOR-1

KOLB, JIM F COOPER ST

September 24

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER-3

VERBONCOUER, JAMES D BROOKS

ASSISTANT RESIDENT UNIT SUPV-1

POTILA, DEAN D STANDISH
SMITH, JAMES F CHIPPEWA
THOMPSON, SHANE M CHIPPEWA
WALKER, CAROLLE A STANDISH

BUILDING TRADES SUPERVISOR-1

RICHEY, DENNIS L MACOMB

CORRECTIONS RESIDENT REP

MCLEAN, MICHAEL J CHIPPEWA

CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-1

BOYD, WILSON RYAN
FIELDS, JAMES E RYAN
ULBRICH, DERAYA D MACOMB
WHITE, MICHAEL A MACOMB
YOUNG, JAMES A LAKELAND

CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-2

COLVIN, DANIEL L KINROSS
KRAUSE, DOUGLAS A KINROSS
WATSON, THOMAS M LAKELAND

CORRECTIONS SHIFT SUPV-3

BENTLEY, SCOTT MID-MICHIGAN

DEPUTY PRISON WARDEN-3

LAFAVE, CONNIE T NEWBERRY
SPRADER, SCOTT B NEWBERRY

MDOC Promotions Through October 7

September 24 (cont.)

REGISTERED NURSE MANAGER-2

DOUGLAS, BRIAN

ADRIAN

RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E

BARNETT, BUD A

RYAN

DAVIS, STEPHEN W

KINROSS

DENLEY, RODERICK J

STANDISH

FISHER, VICTOR A

MID-MICHIGAN

FURGESON, SCOTT R

STANDISH

GILRAY, GORDON R

KINROSS

GOODFELLOW, THOMAS J

THUMB

HAVEN, JOHN R

STANDISH

LAMBERT, JUANITA G

THUMB

LEONARD, GERALD A

MID-MICHIGAN

RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E

LONG, LAVAN D

RYAN

LOPEZ, AL A

THUMB

MILLER, SHERMAN

RYAN

NELSON, JOHN S

THUMB

RAY, ELWANDA P

THUMB

REDICK, DUANE A

THUMB

RUKENBROD, CHAD A

THUMB

SCHULTZ, ARTHUR D

THUMB

SHIPP, PRINTES L

RYAN

SIMMONS, ANTHONY D

THUMB

STEVENSON, JOSEPH C

THUMB

WILLIAMS, KIYANA T

THUMB

WOOD, PAUL D

KINROSS